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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicants respectfully bring the following documents cited in the Japanese Notification of Reasons for Refusal dated February 7, 2007, in a counterpart foreign application and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner. It is noted that U.S. Patent No. 5,951,915 is the U.S. equivalent of WIPO No. 97/27267, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0180338 is the U.S. equivalent of Japanese Patent No. 2002-363555 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0063301 is the U.S. equivalent of Japanese Patent No. 2002-171000. Further, English-language abstracts are attached to the listed references.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made, the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



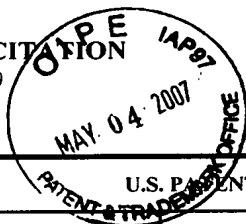
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